

Senate Resolution 278

By: Senators Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th, Hudgens of the 47th, Schaefer of the 50th, Mullis of the 53rd, Grant of the 25th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending U.S. Representative Charles Whitlow Norwood, Jr., D.D.S.; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, U.S. Representative Charles Whitlow Norwood, Jr., of Augusta has devoted a
4 lifetime of both public and private service to the people of Georgia and the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Charlie Norwood, originally of Valdosta, graduated from Georgia Southern
6 University in Statesboro before earning his dental degree from Georgetown University
7 Dental School in Washington, D.C; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Norwood then served as a dental surgeon in the U.S. Army Dental Corps
9 with the 173rd Airborne Brigade in a combat zone in the Republic of Vietnam in 1968-1969;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Captain Norwood delivered dental and emergency medical services while under
12 enemy fire, and was awarded two bronze stars and a combat medic badge; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Norwood delivered dental care to American soldiers, civilians of the
14 Republic of Vietnam, and enemy prisoners of war and pioneered veterinary dental services
15 for military guard dogs; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Norwood delivered dental care through the private sector to patients in this
17 state for the next quarter century, including low-income citizens through the Georgia
18 Medicaid program, and provided state-wide leadership in dental health as president of the
19 Georgia Dental Association; and

20 WHEREAS, U.S. Representative Charlie Norwood of Augusta has faithfully served as the
21 federal representative for the people of the Tenth Congressional District of Georgia since

1 January 1995, serving under four different district boundaries stretching from Dublin and
2 Swainsboro in the south to Dillard and Hiawassee in the North Georgia mountains; and

3 WHEREAS, during his service in Washington, Congressman Norwood has fought tirelessly
4 to improve health care quality and access for all Americans through his Patient's Bill of
5 Rights legislation; and

6 WHEREAS, Congressman Norwood defended and preserved Georgia's Medicaid program
7 for low-income Georgians by increasing federal funding, blocking federal budget cuts, and
8 passing into law legislation combating fraud and abuse; and

9 WHEREAS, Congressman Norwood successfully preserved and expanded Fort Gordon
10 through two Base Realignment and Closure challenges, securing military construction funds
11 to keep Fort Gordon infrastructure in top condition, and supporting new missions including
12 the Gordon Regional Security Operations Center; and

13 WHEREAS, Congressman Norwood successfully defended the Department of Energy's
14 Savannah River Site outside Augusta against draconian budget and job cuts under both
15 Democratic and Republican Administrations and played a pivotal role in landing new
16 missions for SRS including MOX fuel and environmental cleanup programs; and

17 WHEREAS, Congressman Norwood defended citizens of Georgia and America against
18 excess regulatory zeal by multiple federal agencies; and

19 WHEREAS, Congressman Norwood consistently voted to reduce the federal deficit and
20 lower federal taxes for all Georgians; and

21 WHEREAS, Congressman Norwood maintained support throughout his public and private
22 life for Trinity-on-the-Hill United Methodist Church, the American Dental Association, the
23 Georgia Dental Association, the International College of Dentistry, the American College
24 of Dentistry Sciences, the Augusta Opera Society, the Augusta Symphony Guild, and many
25 other worthwhile organizations and charities.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize the lifetime achievements of the Honorable Charlie Norwood of Augusta, Georgia,
28 for his state, nation, and his fellow man and express the appreciation of the people of the
29 Georgia for his sacrifice, dedication, and service.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to U.S. Representative Charles Whitlow
- 3 Norwood, Jr., D.D.S.